

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 6, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katya Grover, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2: Sections C, D, and E, 2/27/2015

00:00:01 Chair Ballance

**Natural Resources and Transportation - Section C**

**Opening Statement:** Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

00:02:09 Rep. Glimm

**Agency Comment:**

00:05:00 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(aph47a01)**

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions from the Committee:**

00:12:07 Rep. McCarthy  
00:12:33 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:12:35 Rep. McCarthy  
00:12:52 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:12:59 Rep. McCarthy  
00:13:16 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:13:27 Rep. McCarthy  
00:13:42 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:13:58 Rep. McCarthy  
00:14:11 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:15:39 Rep. Cuffe  
00:16:30 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:16:53 Rep. Cuffe  
00:17:07 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:17:13 Rep. Cuffe  
00:17:22 Rep. Tropila and Rep. Brodehl arrived.  
00:17:48 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:19:18 Rep. Peppers  
00:19:33 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:20:40 Rep. Peppers  
00:20:49 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:20:56 Rep. Ellis  
00:21:35 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:22:35 Rep. Ellis  
00:22:50 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:23:01 Rep. Woods  
00:23:14 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:23:35 Rep. Woods  
00:23:50 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:23:55 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:24:48 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:25:48 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:26:00 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:26:18 Rep. Tschida  
00:26:23 Rep. Brodehl

00:26:48 Rep. Glimm  
00:28:43 Chair Ballance  
00:28:55 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:29:10 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:29:32 Rep. Dudik  
00:30:10 Chair Ballance  
00:30:22 Rep. Dudik  
00:30:41 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:31:10 Rep. Dudik  
00:31:22 Rep. Glimm  
00:31:28 Rep. Dudik  
00:31:31 Rep. Glimm  
00:31:42 Chair Ballance  
00:31:54 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
00:32:34 Rep. Peppers  
00:32:52 Rep. Glimm  
00:33:18 Rep. Peppers  
00:33:23 Rep. Glimm

**Opening Statement:** Department of Environmental Quality

00:33:41 Rep. Glimm

**EXHIBIT(aph47a02)**

**Agency Comment:**

00:36:08 Tom Livers, Director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions from the Committee:**

00:37:03 Rep. McCarthy

00:37:21 Rep. Glimm

**Opening Statement:** Department of Transportation

00:37:39 Rep. Glimm

**Agency Comment:**

00:43:01 Pat Wise, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Public Comment:**

00:44:21 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

**Questions from the Committee:**

00:45:01 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:47:43 Pat Wise, DOT

00:47:57 Larry Flynn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation (DOT)

00:49:09 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:49:35 Larry Flynn, DOT

00:50:15 Rep. Dudik

00:50:33 Pat Wise, DOT  
00:51:12 Rep. Dudik  
00:51:22 Pat Wise, DOT  
00:51:35 Rep. Ellis  
00:52:01 Pat Wise, DOT  
00:52:15 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:52:38 Rep. Glimm  
00:53:31 Rep. Tropila  
00:54:33 Pat Wise, DOT  
00:55:01 Rep. Tropila  
00:55:49 Steve Wade, MCA  
00:56:46 Rep. Dudik  
00:57:13 Rep. Glimm  
00:57:28 Rep. Ellis  
00:58:00 Chair Ballance  
00:58:05 Pat Wise, DOT  
00:58:12 Chair Ballance  
00:58:37 Pat Wise, DOT  
00:59:35 Rep. McCarthy  
01:00:37 Rep. Glimm

**Opening Statement:** Department of Livestock

01:01:11 Rep. Glimm

**Agency Comment:**

01:02:41 Christian Mackay, Director, Department of Livestock (DOL)

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions from the Committee:**

01:11:52 Rep. Woods  
01:12:13 Christian Mackay, Director, DOL  
01:12:21 Rep. Woods  
01:12:29 Christian Mackay, Director, DOL  
01:12:32 Rep. Woods  
01:12:42 Chair Ballance  
01:12:47 Rep. Woods  
01:12:57 Chair Ballance  
01:13:11 Christian Mackay, Director, DOL  
01:13:20 Chair Ballance  
01:13:26 Rep. Peppers  
01:13:42 Christian Mackay, Director, DOL  
01:14:54 Rep. Woods  
01:15:13 Christian Mackay, Director, DOL  
01:15:29 Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Department of Livestock (DOL)  
01:16:39 Rep. Hollandsworth  
01:16:56 Rep. Glimm  
01:20:44 Rep. McCarthy  
01:20:54 Chair Ballance

01:21:22 Rep. Hollandsworth  
01:21:48 Rep. Glimm  
01:22:25 Rep. Woods  
01:22:34 Rep. Glimm  
01:24:00 Rep. Brodehl  
01:25:01 Chair Ballance  
01:25:28 Rep. Cuffe  
01:25:56 Rep. Glimm  
01:26:01 Rep. Cuffe  
01:26:11 Rep. Glimm

**Opening Statement:** Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

01:27:11 Rep. Glimm

**Agency Comment:**

01:28:25 John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
(DNRC)  
01:29:44 Chair Ballance  
01:29:55 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC

**EXHIBIT(aph47a03)**

01:45:12 Chair Ballance  
01:45:29 Garret Bacon, Leasing Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)  
01:46:23 Chair Ballance  
01:46:32 Garret Bacon, DOA  
01:47:30 Chair Ballance  
01:47:36 Garret Bacon, DOA  
01:48:19 Chair Ballance

**Public Comment:** None

01:48:29 Jeff Welborn, Beaverhead and Silver Bow County  
01:52:00 Sen. Rosendale  
02:00:56 Jim Harvey, Dillon  
02:05:16 Cary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

**EXHIBIT(aph47a04)**

02:11:49 Elena Evans, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts  
(MACD)  
02:12:53 Margaret Morgan, Montana Lease Holders Association  
02:19:22 Dick Anderson, Dick Andersen Construction

**Questions from the Committee:**

02:23:34 Rep. Hollandsworth  
02:23:59 Rep. Glimm  
02:25:59 Rep. Tropila  
02:26:48 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:27:13 Rep. Tropila  
02:27:25 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:28:02 Rep. Tropila

02:28:34 Chair Ballance  
02:28:53 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:30:05 Rep. Tropila  
02:30:18 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:30:29 Rep. Tropila  
02:31:57 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:32:40 Rep. Tropila  
02:33:16 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:34:22 Rep. Tropila  
02:35:26 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:36:27 Rep. Tropila  
02:36:49 Jim Harvey, Dllon  
02:38:17 Rep. Noonan  
02:38:45 Sen. Rosendale  
02:39:51 Rep. Noonan  
02:40:49 Rep. Glimm  
02:41:18 Rep. Jones  
02:42:16 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:44:29 Rep. Jones  
02:45:09 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:45:16 Rep. Jones  
02:45:30 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:46:06 Chair Ballance  
02:46:13 Garret Bacon, DOA  
02:47:07 Rep. Jones  
02:47:26 Garret Bacon, DOA  
02:48:03 Rep. Jones  
02:48:12 Garret Bacon, DOA  
02:48:25 Rep. Jones  
02:48:30 Garret Bacon, DOA  
02:48:39 Rep. Jones  
02:48:44 Rep. McCarthy  
02:49:42 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:50:48 Rep. McCarthy  
02:51:10 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:51:30 Rep. McCarthy  
02:51:45 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:52:20 Rep. McCarthy  
02:52:26 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:52:32 Rep. McCarthy  
02:52:51 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:54:06 Rep. McCarthy  
02:54:43 Cary Hegreberg, MCA  
02:55:13 Rep. Cuffe  
02:56:32 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
02:58:04 Rep. Cuffe  
02:58:52 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:00:00 Rep. Dudik  
03:00:16 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:00:21 Rep. Cuffe

03:00:34 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:00:53 Rep. Cuffe  
03:01:14 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:01:28 Chair Ballance  
03:02:12 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:03:44 Chair Ballance  
03:03:53 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:04:08 Chair Ballance  
03:04:21 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:05:08 Chair Ballance  
03:05:17 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:05:23 Chair Ballance  
03:05:29 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
  
03:05:36 Rep. Osmundson assumed chairmanship.  
  
03:05:41 Rep. McCarthy  
03:06:08 Rep. McCarthy  
03:06:18 Rep. Ellis  
03:07:03 Rep. Glimm  
03:07:14 Rep. Ellis  
03:07:54 Dick Anderson, Dick Andersen Construction  
03:08:12 Rep. Ellis  
03:08:44 Dick Anderson, Dick Andersen Construction  
03:09:28 Rep. Ellis  
03:10:09 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:11:58 Chair Osmundson  
03:12:25 Sen. Rosendale  
03:14:11 Chair Osmundson  
03:14:18 Rep. Hagstrom  
03:14:43 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:14:50 Rep. Hagstrom  
03:15:07 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:15:28 Rep. Hagstrom  
03:15:37 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:16:08 Rep. Woods  
03:16:27 John Tubbs, Director, DNRC  
03:16:49 Rep. Jones  
03:17:41 Garret Bacon, DOA  
03:18:31 Rep. Jones  
03:19:10 Garret Bacon, DOA  
03:19:34 Rep. Jones  
03:19:51 Rep. McCarthy  
03:20:17 Garret Bacon, DOA

**Opening Statement:** Department of Agriculture

03:21:25 Rep. Glimm

**Agency Comment:**

03:22:45 Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

**Public Comment:**

03:28:08 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Questions from the Committee:**

03:29:23 Rep. Hollandsworth  
03:30:17 Ron de Yong, Director, AGR  
03:31:32 Rep. Hollandsworth  
03:31:35 Rep. Glimm  
03:32:34 Rep. McCarthy  
03:32:53 Rep. Glimm  
03:33:33 Rep. Mehlhoff  
03:34:35 Rep. Glimm

03:34:49 Recessed  
03:43:57 Reconvened

**Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement and Justice - Section D**

**Opening Statement:** Judicial Branch

03:44:25 Rep. Brodehl

**Agency Comment:**

03:50:36 Beth McLaughlin, Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions from the Committee:**

03:52:55 Rep. McCarthy  
03:53:15 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
03:53:59 Rep. McCarthy  
03:54:16 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court  
03:55:28 Rep. Dudik  
03:55:50 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

**Opening Statement:** Crime Control Division

03:56:44 Rep. Brodehl

**Agency Comment:**

03:58:10 Deb Matteucci, Executive Director, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions from the Committee:**

03:59:52 Rep. Dudik  
04:00:14 Deb Matteucci, MBCC

**Opening Statement:** Department of Justice

04:00:42 Rep. Brodehl

**Agency Comment:**

04:05:16 Tim Fox, Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
04:06:48 Mike Milburn, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Justice (DOJ)

04:08:34 Rep. Ballance resumed chairmanship.

04:08:38 Chair Ballance

**Public Comment:**

04:20:51 Scott Crichton, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

**Questions from the Committee:**

04:23:38 Chair Ballance  
04:23:54 Rep. Woods  
04:24:03 Rep. Brodehl  
04:26:12 Rep. Woods  
04:26:24 Rep. Brodehl  
04:26:33 Rep. Woods  
04:26:49 Rep. Brodehl  
04:27:25 Rep. Woods  
04:27:54 Mike Milburn, DOJ  
04:28:11 Phil Kinsey, Administrator, Forensic Science Division (FSD), Department of Justice (DOJ)  
04:29:03 Phil Kinsey, FSD, DOJ  
04:32:24 Rep. Woods  
04:32:36 Phil Kinsey, FSD, DOJ  
04:32:56 Rep. McCarthy  
04:33:23 Mike Milburn, DOJ  
04:33:59 Rep. McCarthy  
04:34:31 Mike Milburn, DOJ  
04:34:42 Rep. McCarthy  
04:35:12 Mike Milburn, DOJ  
04:35:52 Rep. McCarthy  
04:36:13 Mike Milburn, DOJ  
04:36:47 Chair Ballance  
  
04:37:02 Recessed

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00:00:01 Reconvened

00:00:03 Chair Ballance  
00:00:14 Rep. McCarthy  
00:00:29 Rep. Brodehl  
00:01:43 Rep. McCarthy  
00:01:53 Rep. Brodehl  
00:03:08 Rep. McCarthy  
00:03:16 Rep. Brodehl  
00:03:22 Rep. McCarthy  
00:03:33 Rep. Brodehl  
00:03:45 Rep. Woods  
00:04:01 Rep. Brodehl  
00:04:03 Rep. Woods  
00:04:19 Rep. Brodehl  
00:04:49 Rep. Dudik  
00:05:24 Tom Butler, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)  
00:06:32 Rep. Dudik  
00:07:33 Bryan Lockerby, Director, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)  
00:08:30 Rep. Dudik  
00:09:21 Mike Milburn, DOJ  
00:11:00 Rep. Cuffe  
00:11:47 Mike Milburn, DOJ  
00:12:24 Rep. Cuffe  
00:12:30 Chair Ballance  
00:12:34 Rep. Brodehl

**Opening Statement:** Public Service Commission

00:14:52 Rep. Brodehl  
00:16:5 Chair Ballance  
00:17:09 Rep. Brodehl

**Agency Comment:**

00:18:41 Brad Johnson, Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)  
[EXHIBIT\(aph47a05\)](#)

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions from the Committee:**

00:24:38 Chair Ballance  
00:25:02 Brad Johnson, PSC  
00:25:12 Rep. Tropila  
00:25:31 Brad Johnson, PSC

**Opening Statement:** Office of the Public Defender

00:25:44 Rep. Brodehl

**Agency Comment:**

00:31:41 Fritz Gillespie, Chairman, Public Defender Commission (PDC)  
[EXHIBIT\(aph47a06\)](#)

**Public Comment:**

00:44:38 Chris Abbott, self  
00:51:38 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, State of Montana  
00:52:32 Scott Crichton, ACLU

**EXHIBIT(aph47a07)****Questions from the Committee:**

01:02:24 Rep. Dudik  
01:03:14 Wade Zelynski, Chief Defender, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)  
01:06:06 Rep. Dudik  
01:06:27 Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
01:06:37 Rep. Dudik  
01:06:41 Chair Ballance  
01:07:04 Greg DeWitt, LFD  
01:07:14 Rep. Dudik  
01:07:25 Rep. Brodehl  
01:07:49 Rep. Dudik  
01:08:07 Rep. Brodehl  
01:08:31 Rep. Dudik  
01:09:04 Greg DeWitt, LFD  
01:09:41 Chair Ballance  
01:09:46 Rep. Peppers  
01:10:24 Chris Abbott, self  
01:10:44 William Hooks, Chief Public Defender, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)  
01:12:21 Rep. Peppers  
01:12:38 William Hooks, OPD  
01:12:54 Rep. Tropila  
01:14:36 Fritz Gillespie, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)  
01:15:19 Harry Freburn, Administrative Director, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)  
01:15:41 Rep. Tropila  
01:15:52 Harry Freburn, OPD  
01:16:28 Rep. Tropila  
01:16:45 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:16:51 Rep. Tropila  
01:17:05 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:17:31 Rep. Tropila  
01:17:48 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:17:53 Rep. Tropila  
01:18:37 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:18:39 Rep. Tropila  
01:19:03 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:19:31 Rep. Tropila  
01:20:02 Chris Abbott, self  
01:20:15 Rep. Tropila  
01:20:38 Chris Abbott, self  
01:21:26 Rep. Tropila  
01:22:58 Chair Ballance  
01:23:09 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:24:26 Chair Ballance

01:24:53 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:26:56 Chair Ballance  
01:27:01 Rep. Ehli  
01:27:17 Rep. Brodehl  
01:30:23 Rep. Ehli  
01:30:53 Rep. Brodehl  
01:31:52 Rep. Ellis  
01:32:36 Harry Freburn, OPD  
01:34:06 Rep. Ellis  
01:34:52 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:36:40 Rep. Ellis  
01:37:42 Fritz Gillespie, OPD  
01:38:36 Chair Ballance  
01:39:06 Greg DeWitt, LFD  
01:39:27 Rep. Dudik  
01:39:55 Greg DeWitt, LFD

**Opening Statement:** Department of Corrections

01:40:04 Rep. Brodehl

**Agency Comment:**

01:43:58 Mike Batista, Director, Department of Corrections (COR)

**Public Comment:**

01:52:34 Jim Ahrens, Great Falls Pre-Release Services Center  
01:53:04 J.D. Lynch, Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services, Inc. (CCCS)  
01:53:53 J.C. Weingartner, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
01:58:05 Mona Jameson, Boyd Andrew Correction Services  
01:58:56 Pat Keim, Alternatives, Inc.  
01:59:31 Mark Baker, Attorney, Crossroads Corrections of America (CCA)  
02:02:23 Timothy Allred, Executive Director, Board of Pardons and Parol (BOPP)  
02:03:26 Scott Crichton, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

**Questions from the Committee:**

02:04:20 Rep. Woods  
02:04:43 Timothy Allred, BOPP  
02:05:49 Rep. Woods  
02:06:03 Timothy Allred, BOPP  
02:06:21 Rep. Woods  
02:06:28 Timothy Allred, BOPP  
02:07:35 Rep. McCarthy  
02:08:24 Timothy Allred, BOPP  
02:08:45 Mike Batista, Director, COR  
02:10:37 Rep. McCarthy  
02:10:53 Mike Batista, Director, COR  
02:11:49 Rep. Tropila  
02:12:48 Leroy Kirkegard, Montana State Prison (MSP)  
02:14:01 Rep. Tschida

02:14:41 Rep. Brodehl  
02:15:00 Rep. Tropila  
02:15:15 Rep. Brodehl  
02:15:26 Rep. Tropila  
02:16:10 Rep. Brodehl  
02:16:29 Rep. Tropila  
02:17:04 Greg DeWitt, LFD  
02:17:12 Chair Ballance  
02:17:30 Greg DeWitt, LFD  
02:18:02 Rep. Cuffe  
02:18:48 Rep. Burnett  
02:19:25 Rep. Brodehl  
02:20:32 Rep. Dudik  
02:20:45 Mike Batista, Director, COR  
02:20:51 Rep. Dudik  
02:20:56 Mike Batista, Director, COR  
02:21:58 Rep. Dudik  
02:22:46 Greg DeWitt, LFD  
02:23:13 Rep. Dudik  
02:23:17 Greg DeWitt, LFD  
02:23:29 Mike Batista, Director, COR  
02:23:51 Rep. Woods  
02:24:15 Mike Batista, Director, COR  
02:24:36 Chair Ballance  
02:24:48 Rep. Ellis  
02:25:44 Mike Batista, Director, COR  
02:27:09 Greg DeWitt, LFD  
02:27:28 Rep. Dudik  
02:27:54 Rep. Brodehl  
02:28:29 Chair Ballance  
02:28:38 Rep. Brodehl  
02:28:50 Chair Ballance  
02:28:55 Rep. Brodehl  
02:29:28 Rep. Ellis  
02:30:19 Chair Ballance  
02:30:35 Rep. McCarthy  
02:30:47 Mike Batista, Director, COR  
02:30:59 Chair Ballance  
02:31:15 Rep. Cuffe  
02:31:29 Rep. Brodehl  
02:32:44 Chair Ballance  
  
02:32:49 Recessed  
02:43:42 Reconvened  
  
02:43:47 Chair Ballance

**Education - Section E****Opening Statement:** Board of Public Education

02:44:27 Rep. Hollandsworth

02:47:19 Chair Ballance

**Agency Comment:**

02:47:29 Peter Donovan, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

**Public Comment:** None**Questions from the Committee:**

02:49:23 Rep. Cuffe

02:49:50 Peter Donovan, BPE

02:50:15 Rep. Cuffe

02:50:23 Peter Donovan, BPE

**Opening Statement:** School For the Deaf and Blind

02:51:18 Rep. Hollandsworth

**Agency Comment:**

02:54:24 Donna Sorensen, Montana School For the Deaf and Blind (MSDB)

**Public Comment:**

02:57:24 Marco Ferro, Director, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Questions from the Committee:**

02:57:42 Rep. Mehlhoff

02:58:38 Rep. Hollandsworth

02:59:09 Rep. Mehlhoff

02:59:53 Donna Sorensen, MSDB

03:00:13 Rep. Tropila

03:00:38 Donna Sorensen, MSDB

03:00:55 Rep. Hollandsworth

**Opening Statement:** Montana Arts Council

03:01:21 Rep. Hollandsworth

03:03:54 Chair Ballance

**Agency Comment:**

03:04:15 Arlynn Fishbaugh, Executive Director, Montana Arts Council (MAC)

03:09:08 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association (MLA)

**EXHIBIT(aph47a08)****Public Comment:** None

**Questions from the Committee:** None

**Opening Statement:** Montana State Library

03:05:09 Rep. Hollandsworth

**Agency Comment:**

03:06:29 Jennie Stapp, Librarian, Montana State Library (MSL)

**Public Comment:** None

**Questions from the Committee:**

03:11:42 Rep. Tropila

03:12:11 Jennie Stapp, MSL

03:12:15 Rep. Tropila

03:12:29 Jennie Stapp, MSL

03:13:07 Rep. Tropila

03:13:49 Jennie Stapp, MSL

03:14:31 Rep. Tropila

03:14:35 Rep. Osmundson assumed chairmanship.

03:14:51 Jennie Stapp, MSL

03:15:00 Rep. Tropila

03:15:43 Jennie Stapp, MSL

03:16:09 Rep. Tropila

03:16:31 Jennie Stapp, MSL

03:16:47 Rep. Hollandsworth

03:17:13 Rep. Tropila

03:17:27 Rep. Hollandsworth

03:17:33 Rep. Tropila

03:17:42 Rep. Hollandsworth

**Opening Statement:** Montana Historical Society

03:17:54 Rep. Hollandsworth

**Agency Comment:**

03:19:35 Bruce Wittenberg, Director, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

**Public Comment:**

03:24:50 Marco Ferro, Director, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Questions from the Committee:**

03:25:27 Rep. Dudik

03:25:40 Recessed

03:35:23 Reconvened

03:35:44 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 03:36:02 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS  
 03:38:18 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 03:39:18 Bruce Wittenberg, MHS  
 03:39:47 Denise King, Administrator, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

03:39:55 Rep. Ballance resumed chairmanship.

03:40:52 Rep. Holmlund  
 03:41:08 Bruce Wittenberg, Director, MHS

**Opening Statement:** Office of Public Instruction

03:42:44 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 03:46:48 Chair Ballance  
 03:46:54 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 03:49:19 Chair Ballance  
 03:49:32 Rob Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
 03:50:53 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 03:52:27 Chair Ballance

**Agency Comment:**

03:52:35 Denise Juneau, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
 03:58:00 Chair Ballance

**Public Comment:**

03:58:38 Andrea Johnson, Superintendent, Townsend Schools  
 04:01:26 Tim Miller, Director, Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative

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04:08:05 Ali Bovington, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office

**EXHIBIT(aph47a10)**

04:16:14 Kirk Miller, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
 04:20:16 Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools

**EXHIBIT(aph47a11)**

04:25:05 Kendra Mihlfeld, self  
 04:27:37 Kristal Burns, Missoula Community School  
 04:31:47 Jan Cahill, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (COC), Great Falls Schools

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04:36:46 Patricia Dahl, Director, Head Start, Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc. (RMDC)  
 04:39:55 Elly Driggers, Kindergarten Teacher  
 04:41:03 Jackie Semmens, self  
 04:43:28 Marco Ferro, Director, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

- 04:44:39 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA), Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
 04:45:24 Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

**Questions from the Committee:**

- 04:45:54 Rep. Tropila  
 04:47:03 Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools  
 04:48:52 Rep. Ellis  
 04:49:11 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 04:49:49 Bob Miller, LFD  
 04:50:11 Chair Ballance  
 04:50:16 Denise Juneau, OPI  
 04:50:45 Rep. Hollandsworth

**Opening Statement:** Commissioner of Higher Education

- 04:51:04 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 04:54:35 Chair Ballance  
 04:55:00 Rep. Hollandsworth

**Agency Comment:**

- 04:58:47 Clayton Christian, Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), Montana University System (MUS)

**Public Comment:**

- 05:01:43 Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College  
 05:02:40 Marco Ferro, Director, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Questions from the Committee:**

- 05:03:08 Rep. Woods  
 05:04:11 Clayton Christian, OCHE, MUS  
 05:05:46 Rep. Woods  
 05:06:41 Clayton Christian, OCHE, MUS  
 05:08:11 Rep. Mehlhoff  
 05:10:11 Clayton Christian, OCHE, MUS  
 05:12:04 Rep. Mehlhoff  
 05:13:28 Clayton Christian, OCHE, MUS  
 05:14:04 Chair Ballance  
 05:15:18 Clayton Christian, OCHE, MUS  
 05:16:55 Chair Ballance  
 05:17:15 Clayton Christian, OCHE, MUS  
 05:18:42 Rep. Holmlund  
 05:19:06 Clayton Christian, OCHE, MUS  
 05:19:43 Rep. Holmlund  
 05:20:05 Clayton Christian, OCHE, MUS  
 05:21:14 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 05:23:04 Chair Ballance  
 05:23:55 Rep. Tropila

05:24:31 Chair Ballance  
05:24:54 Rep. McCarthy  
05:25:17 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
05:26:07 Chair Ballance  
05:26:28 Rep. McCarthy  
05:26:52 Joe Triem, LFD  
05:27:43 Rep. McCarthy  
05:27:48 Chair Ballance  
05:28:08 Rep. McCarthy  
05:28:29 Chair Ballance  
05:28:49 Rep. Mehlhoff  
05:29:23 Chair Ballance  
05:29:43 Rep. Tropila  
05:29:53 Joe Triem, LFD  
05:30:48 Rep. Tropila  
05:31:03 Chair Ballance  
05:31:06 Rep. Tropila  
05:31:23 Rep. Ellis  
05:31:37 Joe Triem, LFD  
05:31:47 Rep. Hollandsworth  
05:32:02 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Katya Grover, Secretary

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